

*[English]***Procurement of Milk by DMS**

6809. SHRI PIUS TURKEY:
 SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHAR-
 GAVA:
 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
 DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH
 SHAKYA:
 SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
 pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Milk Scheme has taken
 a decision to procure milk from a private
 company due to increasing demand for milk
 in Delhi;

(b) if so, the rate at which the milk is
 procured to be procured from the private
 company;

(c) whether several complaints have
 been received against the proposed agree-
 ment with the private company; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Govern-
 ment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.
 LENKA): (a) and (b). Last year, a situation
 arose when some local cooperative socie-
 ties stopped the supply of milk to Delhi Milk
 Scheme (DMS) demanding higher prices for
 milk while their contract with DMS was still
 current. In order to maintain the level of milk
 supply to consumers in Delhi and avoid such
 situations, DMS decided to diversify its
 sources of supply. Accordingly, after calling
 open tenders orders were placed with some
 private agencies for the supply of milk. The
 private agencies are supplying milk to DMS
 at Rs. 7.53/Kg. and Rs. 7.73/ kg. per day.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Gas Pipeline upto Samgarh Gas Ther-
mal power project in Rajasthan**

6810. SHRI GIRIDHARI LAL BHAR-
 GAVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
 AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India
 Ltd. has awarded any contract for construc-
 tion associated gas pipeline up to Samgarh
 Gas Thermal Power Project in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the construction work has
 been started; and

(d) if so, the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND
 NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-
 ANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Sustainable Agriculture

6811. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
 Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
 pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set
 up an Expert Group of eminent Scientists to
 advise the Government on strategies to be
 followed on attaining sustainable agricul-
 ture;

(b) if so, the composition of Group; and

(c) when the Group is likely to Submit its
 report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.
 LENKA): (a) Sir, The Standing Policy Plan-
 ning Committee of the Indian Council of